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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 28, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 28, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: